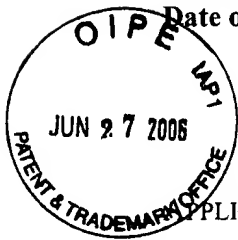


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the December 27, 2005 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 27, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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